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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated September 17, 2002, in which Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

The Office Communication indicates that under 37 CFR 1.499, Applicants are required to elect a single invention from the following inventions:

Group I, claim(s) 1-7, 15-16, and 21, drawn to polynucleotides and first method of use of such.

Group II, claim(s) 13-14, drawn to a diagnostic assay for mutations.

Group III, claim(s) 19, drawn to a method of protecting against calcium flux.

Group IV, claim(s) 20, drawn to a method of treating or preventing epilepsy.

Group V, claim(s) 22-26\0, drawn to polynucleotides other than from Group I.

Group VI, claim(s) 8-10, drawn to polypeptides.

Group VII, claim(s) 11, drawn to antibodies.

Group VIII, claim(s) 12, drawn to method of using antibodies.